

Amendments to Specification:

Please replace the paragraph beginning at page 21, line 5 with the following rewritten paragraph:

Figure 1A-C presents an alignment of the amino acid sequences set forth in SEQ ID NOs:14, 18, and 20 with the *Canis familiaris* sequence (NCBI General Identifier No. 3041702; SEQ ID NO:35) and the *Caenorhabditis elegans* sequence (NCBI General Identifier No. 3165581; SEQ ID NO:36). The data in Table 5 presents a calculation of the percent similarity of the amino acid sequences set forth in SEQ ID NOs:2, 4, 6, 8, 10, 12, 14, 18 and 20 and the *Caenorhabditis elegans* sequence.